

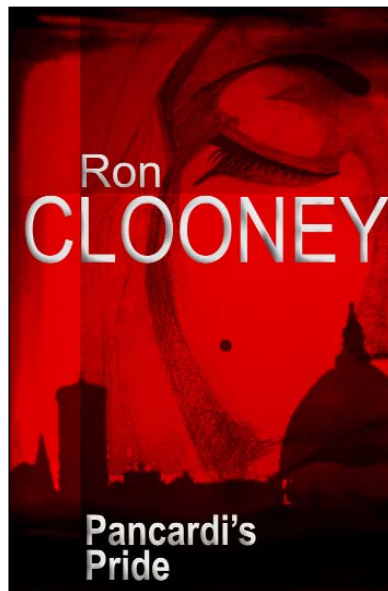
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About the author: Ron Clooney lives and works in Southampton. An ex-journalist turned teacher, this is his debut detective thriller. Having written adult short stories and articles for a variety of magazines in both Britain and the United States, this is his first outing into the full length crime novel.

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